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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsujimoto, (US 2005/0111015).

Regarding Claim 1:

A digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) comprising:

reception means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for receiving information associated with a function of the printer from the printer; and

a user interface (See Print Set Input Operating Unit 2817 in Figure 28) for, when the printer has a function of automatically detecting a paper size ([0402]), notifying a user that the printer has that function ([0415]).

Regarding Claim 2:

A digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) comprising:

reception means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for receiving information associated with a function of the printer from the printer; and

a user interface (See Print Set Input Operating Unit 2817 in Figure 28) for, when the printer has a function of automatically detecting a paper type ([0402]), notifying a user that the printer has that function ([0415]).

Regarding Claim 3:

A digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) comprising:

reception means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for receiving information associated with a function of the printer from the printer; and

a user interface (See Print Set Input Operating Unit 2817 in Figure 28) for, when the printer has functions of automatically detecting paper size and type ([0402]), notifying a user that the printer has these functions ([0415]).

Regarding Claim 4:

A printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28), comprising:

paper size detection means for automatically detecting a paper size ([0402]);
and

transmission means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for transmitting information indicating that said printer has a function of automatically detecting the paper size to the digital camera.

Regarding Claim 5:

A printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28), comprising:

paper type detection means for automatically detecting a paper type ([0402]);
and

transmission means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for transmitting information indicating that said printer has a function of automatically detecting the paper type to the

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digital camera.

Regarding Claim 6:

A printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate (2703 in Figure 27 and 2803 in Figure 28 and [0396]) with a digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28), comprising:

paper size detection means for automatically detecting a paper size ([0402]);

paper type detection means for automatically detecting a paper type ([0402]) and ;

transmission means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for transmitting information indicating that said printer has functions of automatically detecting the paper size and type to the digital camera.

Regarding Claim 7:

An image input apparatus (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28) which can directly communicate with an image output apparatus (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28), comprising:

reception means ([0395] , [0400] , and [0404]) for receiving information associated with a function of the image output apparatus from the image output apparatus; and

a user interface ([0415]) for, when it is determined based on the information that the need for selection of a paper size is obviated, advising a user accordingly.

Regarding Claim 8:

The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said user interface inhibits the user from selecting the paper size.

Regarding Claim 9:

The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image output apparatus has a function of automatically detecting the paper size ([0402]).

Regarding Claim 10:

The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said user interface notifies the user that the image output apparatus has a function of automatically detecting the paper size ([0402]).

Regarding Claim 11:

The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image input apparatus is a digital camera (2701 in Figure 27 and 2801 in Figure 28).

Regarding Claim 12:

The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image output apparatus is a printer (2702 in Figure 27 and 2802 in Figure 28).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ozawa et al. (US 2003/0016378) discloses image processing system which can print an image sensed by the digital camera using the printing apparatus without the intervention of any computer, and a digital camera and printing apparatus suitable for the image processing system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil R. McLean whose telephone number is 571.270.1679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30AM-5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Liu Shuwang can be reached on 571.272.3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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